

they very positively write, that a certain great King departed this life on the 22d of January, notwithstanding the great Pains taken to conceal that Event.

Yesterday an Express arrived at the India House, which came over Land from India; and we hear there are Letters which say, that General Lally, with the Troops under his Command, was landed at Pondicherry, and preparing to attack our Settlements on that Coast.

There is a Report in Town, that the French are meditating a Descent upon us with 20,000 Men.

Feb. 20. Letters from Madrid mention the following Particulars concerning the King of Spain: That he had been much reduced as to his bodily Health; but that his Distemper chiefly consisted in a very particular Melancholy, attended, among other Terrors, with a Suspicion that he should be poisoned in his Food; so that he could scarcely be prevailed upon to take any Nourishment; and his Physicians were consequently disappointed in their Endeavours to relieve him: But that he is now much recovered; having been induced to take Nourishment from the following Stratagem: Some Persons were placed at a Meal in a Room through which the King was to pass, and directly rise at his Entrance; and quit the Room; he observing them Eating (and concluding their Food was not poisoned) immediately went to the Table, eat heartily, has since taken other Nourishment, and daily recovers Strength.

Feb. 22. By Letters from Leghorn of the 2d Instant, we learn, that five French Men of War, and several Privateers, are cruising off that Port, to intercept our Trade to and from thence; and that some English Ships were blocked up there by them.

We hear that an additional Duty is intended to be immediately laid on Tobacco, and a separate inland Duty on Snuff.

The Prussians have levied 40,000 Rix Dollars in Thuringia. Orders have been sent to Zerbst to furnish immediately 800 Recruits, 1200 Horses, and 100,000 Rix Dollars. From Dessau are expected 1000 Recruits, 400 Horses, and 80,000 Rix Dollars; 400 Recruits, 300 Horses, and 80,000 Rix Dollars from Bernbourg; and one Hundred Recruits from Kothen.

The French Generals have demanded of the Town of Frankfurt 200,000 Rations of Forage. As it is impossible to furnish it, the Magistrates have sent one of their Number to the Elector of Mentz, to implore his Intercession in their Behalf. Letters on the same Subject, expressed in the most pathetic Terms, have been sent to the Court of Vienna, and to the Diet of the Empire. Meanwhile the French search all the Granaries, Stables, &c. and seize all the Forage they can find.

There are upwards of 30 Ships building at this Time, in publick and private Docks, from Lines of Battle Ships down to Frigates.

February 27. Some private Letters received in Holland from Lisbon advise, that the Dutchess d'Aveiro, with her young Family, are confined in a Convent, without any Attendance; and without being suffered to receive any Visits whatever. These Letters add, "it will, perhaps, appear, that this Lady was the Occasion of the late Attempt on the King's Life."

March 3. The last Letters from Lisbon mention, that there are above 500 Persons in Prison in that City, on Account of the Assassination Plot; and that the following Jesuits, who are closely confined, are the original Abettors and Promoters of that Diabolical Affair, viz. Father Moreiro, late Confessor to the King; Father Hyacinthos da Costa, late Confessor to the Queen; Father Timotheus d'Oliveira, late Confessor to the Princesses; the Father Rector of the Seminary of d'Arroyos; Father Francisco Edward, a famous Preacher of the same Place; Father Malagrida, an Italian; Father Joseph Paradigam, Procurator General of the Society; and Father Joseph Soares, Procurator of Maragon.

They talk much at the Hague of an Observation made by one of the Deputies of Friesland on the late Remonstrance of the Merchants to the States-General: "If, said he, these Gentlemen actually paid the French for Goods, to this prodigious Value, it must have been by remitting Money to France, and then the French could not be in the deep Distress that we know they are; or it must have been sent in Provisions to the French Islands, and then they would not have been starving, as is actually the Case; or it is to be paid for hereafter, and then, perhaps, a Doubt may arise, whether it is Dutch Property yet. Their High Mightinesses are certainly bound to take Care of their own Plans;

tations; but I don't see the Expediency of entering into a War, for the sake of supporting and securing those of another Nation. Let the Concerns of France occupy French Councils; let the British Interests be pursued by the Ministers of Britain; but let not Favour to this, or Pique to that, engage Dutch Statesmen to lose Sight of the real Welfare of Holland."

It is said, that the Dutch Forces, under Lord Howe, &c. will be employed in the first Expedition Fleet that sails, and will be followed a few Days after by two Squadrons, with another Body of Forces.

Yesterday and this Morning, several Officers, Horses, &c. set out for Portsmouth to embark for the Isle of Wight, where a large Camp will be formed shortly.

We hear some Regiments of Foot are ordered to march forthwith to the Isle of Wight, in order to be ready to embark on the first Notice.

March 10. We are assured, that to false the Supplies for the current Year, an additional Impost of Five per Cent. over and above the present Duties, will be laid on Tobacco, foreign Linens, Sugars, & other grocery Wares, East-India Goods, foreign Brandy, Spirits, and Paper imported. None of these are Necessaries of Life; and therefore the industrious Poor will be loaded with no additional Tax.

Wednesday the Weazle Sloop arrived at Spithead from Martinico. His Majesty's Ship Magdammie, Commodore Lord Howe, lies ready to come out of Harbour the first Wind. 'Tis said that Nobleman is preparing with great Diligence for another Expedition.

March 13. On Friday Night General Abercrombie arrived at his House in Great George-Street, Hanover-Square, from commanding the Forces in North-America.

The Crescent Frigate, of 36 Guns, Capt. Collingwood, is ordered away Express to Antigua, and will sail in two or three Days at farthest.

Nine Sail of Transports, with Horses, bound to Embden, are put back into Yarmouth Road, by contrary Winds.

Yesterday Morning an Express was dispatched to Portsmouth; and we hear the grand Fleet is ordered to be assembled with all Expedition.

Extract of a Letter from the Hague, March 6.

"The News of the Confiscation of the Dutch Ships at London, and of his Britannic Majesty's persisting in his Resolution to suffer no Neutral Ships to trade to the French Colonies; both caused a general Discontent in this Country, particularly at Amsterdam. The Merchants of that City have sent hither a new Deputation, who on Friday last presented a Petition to the States-General, and to the States of Holland, praying that their High Mightinesses would be pleased to send a Deputation to the Court of London, to make Remonstrances on their behalf in regard to the Confiscation of the Ships detained in England; and the Prohibition of Trading to the French Colonies."

It is computed that the additional Duty of 12 d. in the Pound (to be laid on all Tobacco, foreign Linens, Sugar, and other Grocery, East-India Goods, foreign Brandy, and Spirits, and Paper imported, according to their Value in the Book of Rates, or any Act of Parliament) will produce 215,000 l. and that the additional Duty of 1 s. on each Pound Weight of Chocolate, to be paid by the Seller or Maker of the Chocolate, will produce 20,000 l. in all 235,000 l. a Year.

Letters from Lisbon, of the 10th ult. by Way of Holland, mention, that there had been a second Execution of the Plotters; that Joseph Policarpo de Azevedo, the Bravo that shot at the King, and who made his Escape, and was taken at St. Ubei, was burnt to Death alive. The Names of the others are not mentioned; and that Don Emanuel de Souza, Captain of the Swiss Guards, who was confined in the Castle of Belem, on Suspicion of being concerned in the Plot, died there the 25th of January; and his Lady, being a Princess of the Family of Holstein, begged Leave of his Majesty to retire to her native Country, Germany.

It is said Admiral Boscawen will soon go to the Court of Naples with a public Character; and have the Chief Command of a large Fleet in the Mediterranean.

His Grace the Duke of Richmond, and the Hon. Col. Fitzroy, Brother to the Duke of Grafton, are going as Volunteers in the English Army in Germany.

Yesterday a great Number of Men were employed in shipping the Waggon and other Carriages at Tower Wharf, for the Use of the Army.

They are also, by Order from the Board of Ordnance, getting ready a large and fine Train of Artillery.

It is said that Admiral Saunders has detached

his Majesty's Ships Warspight and Intrepid from his Fleet to the Mediterranean.

A Train of Artillery is embarking in the River, to be sent round to Spithead, to join the Expedition Fleet; and a large Dragoon of Matroes, &c. march for Portsmouth next Week, to embark on board the said Fleet.

It is said the Earl of Ancrum will have the Chief Command of the Troops that are going on the secret Expedition.

The Field Equipages of the Officers who are to encamp this Summer, are getting ready with all Expedition.

A Reinforcement of Invalids is to be sent down to all the Garrisons on the Sea Coast.

The Phila, Farmer, from New-York, is arrived in the River, after being taken by a French Privateer, and ransomed for 2000 l.

They write from Spain, that 20 Men of War are ordered to be equipped in their several Sea Ports with all Expedition.

Thursday, the First of March, a Vessel arrived at Cork from Seville, in 15 Days, who brings an Account of the King of Spain's Death, and that the greatest Preparations were making for receiving Don Carlos, and that several Men of War were sent to Naples to bring his Majesty to Spain, to assume the Crown of that Kingdom.

March 18. According to the last Advice from the South of France, Grain of all Kinds has been very scarce, and consequently very dear; but that an extraordinary Supply from Naples and Africa, of 136,000 Lasts of Corn, which had been imported within a little Time into Marseilles, had reduced the Price very considerably.

We hear from Cadix, that the grand Rendezvous of the 20 Sail of Spanish Men of War, that are ordered to be equipped, is to be at Ferrol; and that besides their usual Complement of Seamen, some Land Forces are to go on board.

We hear that the Perion of Distinction, a Methodist, who has lately taken holy Orders, is a noble Lord.

Extra of a Letter from Falmouth, March 10.

"The eldest Storm-Ship in this Place does not remember such a Storm as we had Yesterday. The greatest Part of the Vessels in the Harbour drove from their Anchors, and received considerable Damage. The Town and Neighbourhood have also suffered greatly, several Houses being blown down. The King George, and the Harriot Packet parted from their Cable, and drove on Shore, but got off again. A Schooner, laden with Brandy and some Plank, struck and split with Water. The Dolphin, Dillion, from Jamaica, drove on a Bank and had seven Feet Water in her Hold. A Ship laden with Ribs left all her Masts. A Schooner and a Brig left, all the Crew perished; bad in her Name, De Arriaga. A Ship beat to Pieces, sent Tobacco-Slaves were drove on Shore, but from whence came or where bound, unknown. A Schooner called the Fortune, John Nickett, Master, (Danish) from Whidah for London, with 220 Chests of Gold, and sold at 30 p. each Chest."

Brissel, Feb. 24. His Majesty's Ships Unicorn and Adventure, have taken the Moras Privateer of St. Malo, Capt. La Fosse, of 20 Guns, and 200 Men, and sent her into Plymouth. She had been out a Month, but had taken nothing.

His Majesty's Ship Montague has taken the Marquis de Marignie Privateer of Granville, of 18 Guns, and 180 Men; and the Hardiment Privateer of Dunkirk, of 8 Guns, and 60 Men, and brought them both into Plymouth.

Boston, May 21.

Last Monday Capt. Orme arrived at Salem, in a Schooner from Jamaica, who was taken on his Passage coming thro' the Gulf by a French Frigate, but ransomed his Vessel and Cargo for 800 Dollars.

This Frigate, he said, was bound from France with Dispatches for Quebec, but it being impracticable to get up the River St. Lawrence, stood to the Southward, in order to forward them by the Way of the Mississippi.

Saturday evening a Vessel arrived at Newbury in 7 Days from Halifax, in which came an Officer, who informs, that General Wolfe was arrived there, which had very much animated our Forces; and all possible Diligence was used in forwarding the grand Expedition. That the Sloop had returned, which had been sent to view St. Lawrence River, with Advice, that the Ice had broke up, and the River almost clear, except what floated down from above. That Admiral Durell, with his Squadron of eight Men of War, by Admiral Saunders's Order, had sailed upon a secret Expedition, having on board 600 Land Forces, including two Companies of Grenadiers, and one of

Light Infantry, the other from the several Regiments had Dispatches from General Amherst's Orders, moved on Yesterday, Capt. Jenkins is expected to be at the River, where he is to be met by the other two at Two o'clock in the Afternoon.

That Admiral Saunders, with a Number of Transports, at 4 o'clock the same Morning, sailed from the River, with a fair Wind for home, the Admiral got out the 1st of War, and some Transports, was Commodore Holmes, at the Mizzen-top-mast, and Commodore compliment each other Transports that sailed from the River, and were to go immediately after Admiral Durell's Fortnight before, with 8000 Troops; and if they did not meet the River, were to proceed to it is said they have Orders to go on, that the French embark the next Day, and that the regular Troops followed by the Provincial Troops, and joined the Army, and that those from of Fundy was not arrived.

Thirty Sail of Transports, Hind Man of War, failed General Wolfe at Louisbourg.

NEW-YORK

Capt. Courtney, of the Sloop yesterday left from Louisbourg, in 11 May, being in Lat. 40 1/2 N. West from London, he spoke with bound to Rhode-Island, Randall been seven Months, out of Surinam 6th of January last, as likewise an old Mainail, and a Flying Jib two Men alive, and had neither when Courtney spared them about Fork, and about 4 Dorcas of Bitter.

Last Monday arrived here the Schooner, from St. Martins, which he informs us, that the Day he spoke to the Kingston, a Person that Island, among the French, on the 25th of April, he spoke to Forces which were landed at that terre, in order to assist their Country.

He said he was brought thither Monsieur Bompart's Squadron, in 1793, as they landed him, when he heard Guadaloupe was in Kingston, he made a Signal to the off his Men, which they did without Molestation. And that Privateer Sloop, which was in the (with a Philadelphia Snow, for him to carry him and some few of his Men.

The French General was also in vision, about the future Operations he was not backward in letting his acquaintances, by telling him they would send upon Martinico, upon the from Home, which was hourly expected with with strong Shoulders.

Thursday last arrived here a Frigate, taken on the 4th of May, Ship General Johnson, Capt. W. bound from St. Louis, on Hispan with Sugar, Cotton and Coffee, on board, who say the Sloop and Privateer.

Captain Light, the same Day, and to the already, Porto, which 1400 Dollars. And in his cruise Fortune left him, he made no Doubt, of taking some valuable Goods.

On Friday the Brig Abigail, in 18 Days from Montpelier, with his Majesty's Ships the Narbargh, who were cruising off the from to sail for the Mount, to put on at that Place by the English.

A Gentleman from Albany, in but 6 of the Party of Rangers, instead of 16, as was at consisting of 45, went out under tenant, and being between Fort were attacked by a large Party of they twice bravely repulsed, but they were overpowered by Numbers, and taken Prisoners, and carried to the Prison.

The Prize Snow brought in by a to a Fleet of 16 or 17 Sail, from B with Provisions, all Vessels of Force of Soldiers on board, and they were 36 Gun Frigates.

We hear that as a Treaty lately Sir William Johnson's, among the there was one belonging to this old, of the Name of Armstrong, that the different Nations, at themselves to, and at the Prison next Fall.

Captain Amherst, of the the Age spoke with the Britannia Privateer.

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